

it to meet the challenges of the next century. Representative HURD's work will not be forgotten, and I will miss him dearly.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARC LEE

(Mr. BABIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, "I have felt fear at some of the things I have seen here. I have seen amazing things and I have seen sad things, but being in Iraq makes me realize what a great country we have."

These are the words of Navy SEAL Marc Lee in his last letter home before making the ultimate sacrifice for our country in Ramadi, Iraq.

My son, Leif, served with Marc on SEAL Team 3 and was with him during his final act of honor. By all accounts, faith, courage, and determination were Marc's guiding principles. They carried him throughout his valiant career.

Thanks to Marc and many men like him, good continues to triumph over evil. In their violent wake, they leave behind humility, love, and selflessness, reminding me of John 3:13:

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

HONORING THE LIFE AND SERVICE OF MARC LEE

(Ms. CHENEY asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CHENEY. Mr. Speaker, today the House will consider H.R. 6016, designating the United States Postal Service facility in Arizona as the Marc Lee Memorial Post Office Building. This is a fitting honor and tribute to Petty Officer 2nd Class Marc Alan Lee for his heroic actions during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

On August 2, 2006, while on patrol in Ramadi, Marc Lee fearlessly exposed himself to direct enemy fire in order to protect the lives of his teammates. He gave his life for his brothers and for our freedom.

He was posthumously awarded the Silver Star for his actions that day. In the words of Jocko Willink, commander of Task Unit Bruiser, Marc's unit in Iraq, Marc was "one of those rare men, those true heroes, the ones who rose above the rest of us to symbolize courage and faith and selflessness and love."

As we honor Marc Lee today, let us all recommit ourselves to cherishing the freedom for which he died and to living lives worthy of the sacrifice of all our men and women who have given their lives for our liberty.

God bless Marc and his family, and God bless the United States of America.

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BIDDING FAREWELL TO SETH KLAIMAN

(Mr. LANGEVIN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. LANGEVIN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to bid farewell to a vital member of my team and my right-hand man in Rhode Island for the last 7 years. Seth Klaiman joined my staff as district director and then my Rhode Island chief of staff after working for several cycles on my reelection campaign. The people of Rhode Island's Second District could not have asked for a more dedicated public servant.

Seth worked nonstop, and he embodied the phrase "underpromise and overdeliver." His organizational skills are unparalleled, and he was instrumental in helping me manage my most valuable resource, my time, on behalf of the people of Rhode Island.

Seth is leaving to serve as chief of staff to our State Treasurer, Seth Magaziner. It is a terrific opportunity for him to continue to serve the Ocean State. And while I am sad to see him go, I wish him the very best of luck in his new role.

To Seth, his wife, Ann, and their new son, Sebastian, I offer my sincerest thanks for your years making me look good and all the work you have done on behalf of the people of Rhode Island. I often say that we are only as good as the people around us, and I am lucky to have had a decade spent with you.

HONORING THE LIFE OF FREDERICK "PAL" BARGER, JR.

(Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. DAVID P. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of a giant in northeast Tennessee and my friend, Frederick "Pal" Barger, Jr., who passed away recently at the age of 90.

Pal's impact on our community was tremendous. Pal is best known for Pal's Sudden Service, a drive-through restaurant with rapid service, great food, and affordable prices.

In 2001, Pal's became the first restaurant to receive the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award, the Nation's highest Presidential honor for performance excellence. Pal is one of northeast Tennessee's best success stories.

Pal's commitment to excellence didn't stop at the drive-through window. He received recognition throughout his life for his kindness, generosity, and unwavering dedication to help our region prosper.

I am especially grateful for Pal's contributions to his alma mater, East Tennessee State University, which have greatly impacted so many of our region's current and future leaders.

Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to recognize the life of Pal Barger for his tremendous impact on our community.

HONORING COACH NICK GIEBER

(Mr. WATKINS asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WATKINS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Kansas Middle School wrestling coach Nick Gieber. To be clear, he is not dead. He is way too tough for that.

For decades, Coach Gieber would transform boys into men through wrestling practices that were so hard we thought that death was an option. But it wasn't just developing us mentally and physically, he also developed a sense of camaraderie, rapport, integrity, and honor. He would say, "You never know, boys. Today could be the most beautiful day in the world."

Coach Gieber, from the floor of the United States House of Representatives, thank you. And you never know, today could be the most beautiful day in the world.

NATIONAL BORINQUEÑEERS DAY

(Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Miss GONZÁLEZ-COLÓN of Puerto Rico. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in support of the NDAA.

This bill includes an amendment I introduced, along with Representative MURPHY and Senator RICK SCOTT, to honor the 65th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Borinqueneers, by designating April 13 as National Borinqueneers Day.

On April 13, 2016, Congress awarded the Congressional Gold Medal to these patriots for their numerous contributions to American history and their outstanding military service from World War I through the recent conflicts in Afghanistan and Iraq.

This bill also authorizes \$37 million in military construction funding for the National Guard Readiness Center in Puerto Rico. It also includes the Coast Guard Reauthorization Act, which incorporates my amendment requiring the Coast Guard Academy Minority Outreach Team program to include officers from the U.S. territories, and requiring the Academy's diversity report to include information on the effectiveness of outreach and recruitment efforts for the territories as well.

JOSEPH RAINEY: 150 YEARS

(Mr. WILSON of South Carolina asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Mr. Speaker, this Saturday, America recognizes 150 years since Joseph Rainey, the first African American to serve in the U.S. House of Representatives, took office.

I am grateful for South Carolinian Joseph Rainey, a Republican, a champion of civil rights, for breaking